SANSKRIT EDUCATION IN THE STATE—STANDARDISATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF—REPRESENTATIONS BY ALL-COCHIN PANDITHA PARISHAD

42. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the "All-Cochin Panditha Parishad" regarding the standardisation and improvement of the Sanskrit education in the State;

(*b*) have the Government considered those representations and come to any decision; if so, what is that decision;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the present system results in much avoidable waste;

(*d*) when did the Director of Public Instruction submit his scheme to the Government;

(*e*) have the Government accepted his scheme; if so, when do they propose to put it into effect;

(*f*) have the Educational Advisory Committee considered this matter;

(*g*) if so, what are their recommendations and the Government orders thereon;

(*h*) what will be the probable additional expenditure the Government will have to incur in order to bring into effect either of the schemes submitted by the Director of Public Instruction and the "All-Cochin Samskratha Panditha Parishad" respectively?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; the question of further aid to Sanskrit schools is to be dropped for the present. It has been ordered that Bhushanas should be given preference over Vidwans in the matter of appointment of Pandits.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In 1114.

(*e*) Yes; as and when funds are available.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Does not arise.

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(*h*) *Director's scheme.*—Immediate additional expenditure for giving grant-in-aid to existing Sanskrit schools—Rs. 4,776.

There was no scheme from the Parishad but only some suggestions, the giving effect of which may cause an immediate additional expenditure of Rs. 6,684.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know, Sir, whether there is any chance of the scheme being given effect to in the near future?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I can't say, because the hon'ble member himself is aware that the expenditure under "grants-in-aid" has been going up and Government have been finding it very difficult to liquidate even their existing liability. Therefore, I cannot hold forth any definite promise.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Is any encouragement given to Sanskrit during the past 3 years?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No additional expenditure has been incurred on this during the last 3 years.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is the figure given here the monthly or the annual expenditure?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Annual.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of this small amount of additional expenditure which is required, will the Government kindly consider the question of taking up the scheme immediately?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a matter of opinion whether this is a small amount or a large amount; but coming on the top of 19 and odd lakhs of rupees, it is very difficult to find another Rs. 6,684. Government considered the scheme and asked me to implement it without any further reference to them, provided funds could be found for the purpose.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Compared to 19 and odd lakhs of rupees that we spend on education, I say this amount is a small one.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Are Government aware that the reformation of the Sanskrit education embodied in the scheme is a necessity?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If Government considered it to be unnecessary, they would not have sanctioned the scheme.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Is it then the position of Government that they can't find funds?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It has not been possible to find funds immediately. That being so, no definite assurance can be held out now.

PUTHENVELIKKARA BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION OF

43. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they have taken to connect Mala-Puthenvelikkara road with Puthenvelikkara by a bridge?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter is under correspondence with the Travancore Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know at what stage the matter stands at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter has been referred to the Travancore Government and no reply has been received from them.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether before the construction of this road, the Travancore Government was consulted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In fact the Travancore Government constructed a road leading up to the canal even before we started the construction of this road.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was any consultation with the Travancore made before we began the work of construction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How long it is since the matter has been under correspondence?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* About 4 months.

VYPEEN-PALLIPPURAM ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

44. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state when will they resume the construction of the Vypeen-Pallippuram Road?

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